

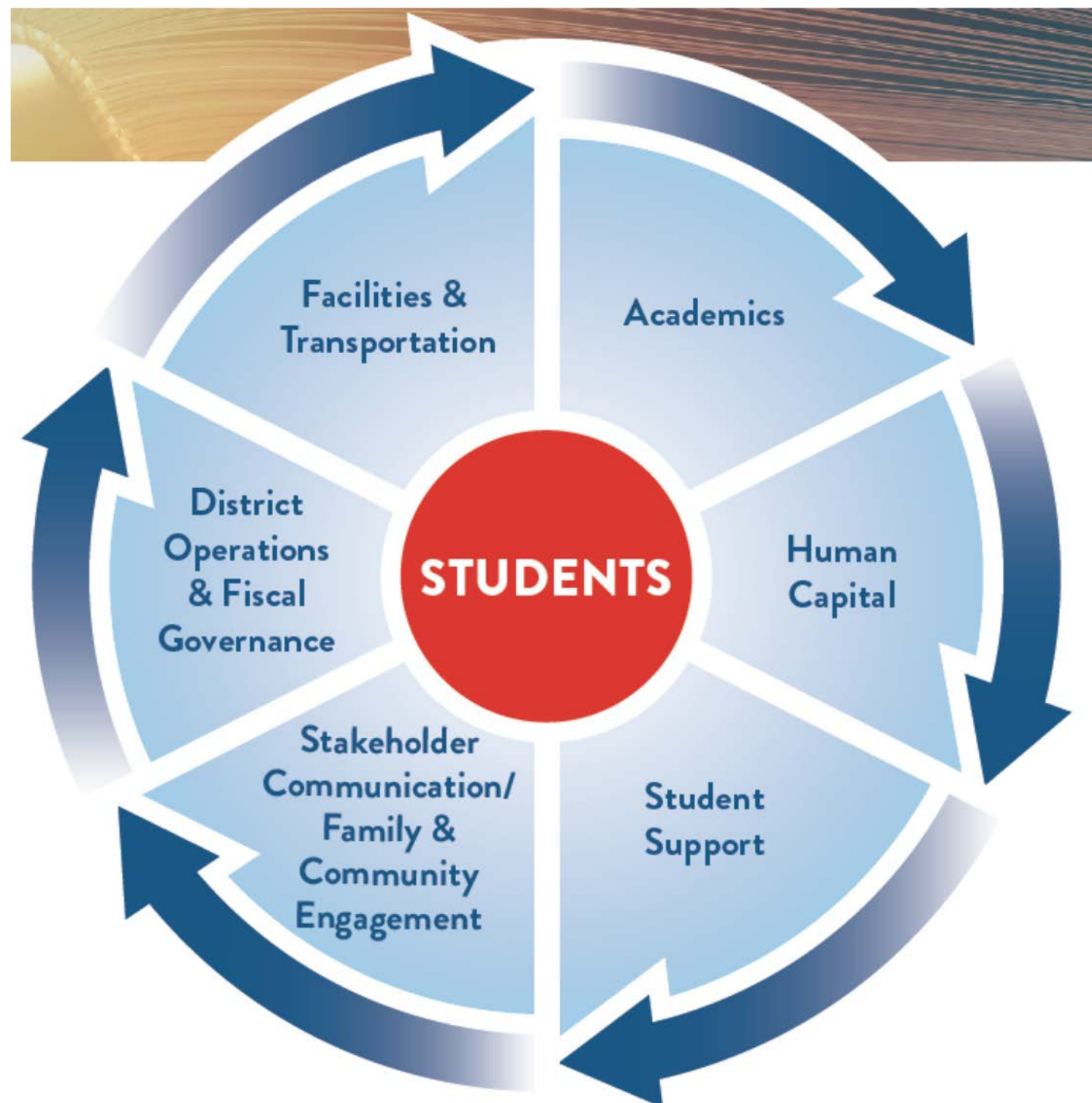
ARKANSAS

READY  FOR LEARNING



DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY
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Webpage - Ready for Learning

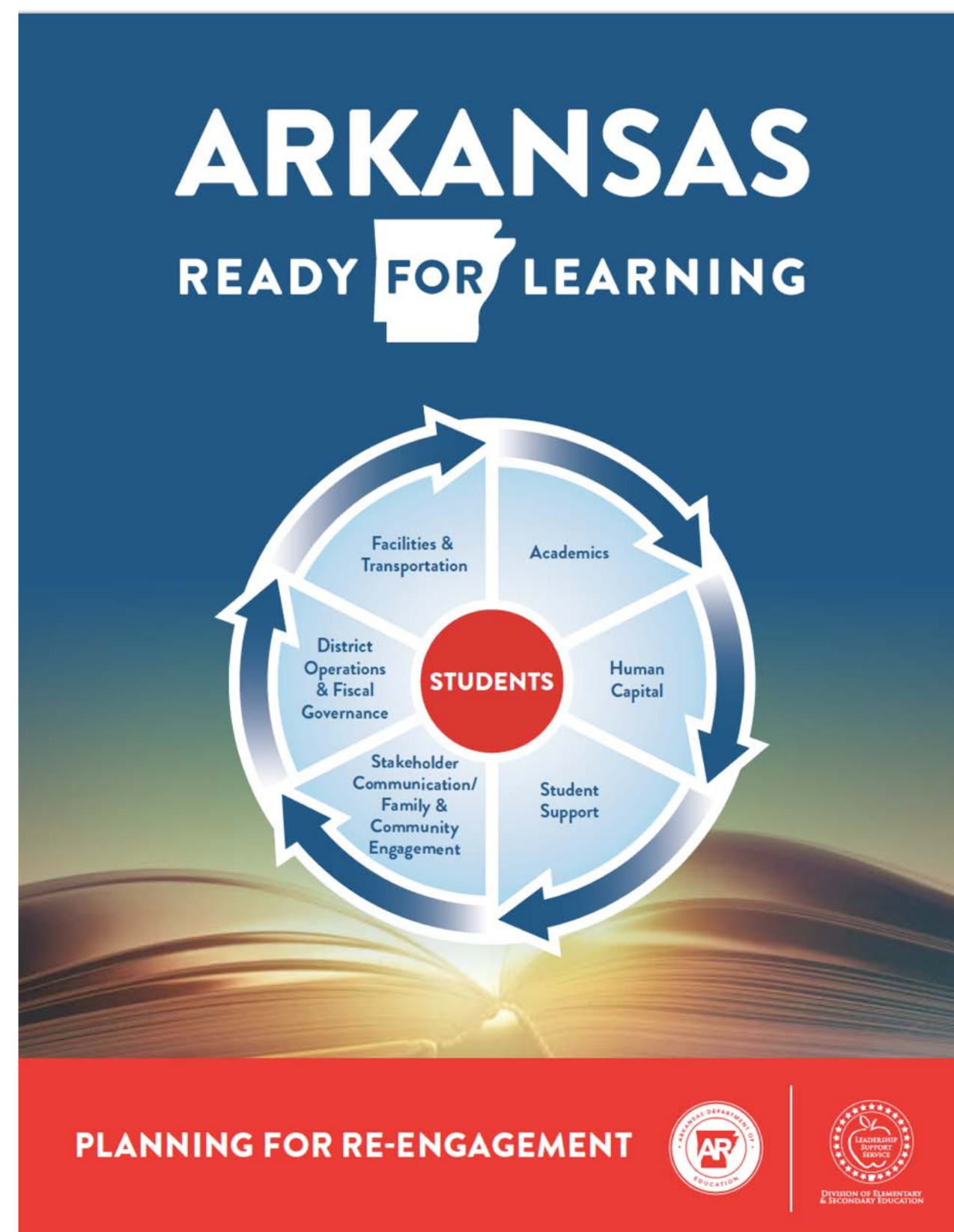


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<http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/arkansas-ready-for-learning>

What is Arkansas Ready for Learning?

1. A **system** of *Blended Learning* that allows the student to continue learning grade level or content standards through an educational plan that leverages both technology-based and face-to-face instructional approaches.
2. **Flexibility** to implement onsite or remote teaching and learning and to pivot as necessary.
3. **Support** for districts, teachers, parents and students to **innovate and adapt** to new learning opportunities.



Summer Re-entry guidance

RT-20-013

Blended Learning Needs Assessment

Due: June 15, 2020

COM-20-126

Arkansas Playbook Webinar

recording will be posted on the Playbook webpage (P on the A-Z Topics)

Statewide Support for Blended Learning

- **State Supported Options:** Districts may choose to use the state-provided **digital content** options and **Learning Management Systems** through approved digital providers. Districts must provide technology access and connectivity options
 - K-12 digital content and LMS option paid with state CARES Act funds
 - CTE options for digital content and LMS paid with state CARES Act funds
- **Diagnostic Assessment:** Use of a diagnostic assessment to provide instructional support for educators.
 - State Supported Options: Districts may choose to expand their K-2 assessment choice to include grades 3-8 to provide adaptive and diagnostic assessments for instructional purposes only.

Flexibility and Waivers

- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-117 (*Noninstructional duties - only for the purpose of implementing ADH requirements and guidelines regarding health and safety*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-204(b) (*Teacher contracts - only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-205(b)(2) (*Teacher contracts - only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-2304(b) (*Classified employee policies – only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-2305(c)(2) (*Classified employee policies – only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model*)

Flexibility and Waivers

The following waivers apply only on days, or portions of days, when technology-based approaches are the primary instructional delivery, for specific groups of students that are receiving their instruction primarily through technology-based approaches, or for staff providing instruction primarily through technology-based approaches, or if necessary to implement ADH requirements or guidelines:

- Ark. Code Ann. 6-16-102(a)(1) through (a)(5)(E)(i)(b), and (c) (*School Day*)
- Standard for Accreditation 1-A.4.2 and 1-A.4.3 (*School Day*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-111(a) (*Duty-free lunch*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-114 (*Planning time*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-211 (*Employee leave*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-812(a)(2) (*Class size*)
 - DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load, Sec. 3.00 and 4.01 through 4.03
 - DESE Rules Governing Student Special Needs Funding, Sec. 4.03.2 through 4.03.2.2.1
 - DESE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards and Body Mass Index for Age Assessment Protocols in Arkansas Public Schools, Sec. 7.10.1 and 7.10.2
 - Standard for Accreditation 1-A.5

Process

- District submits Assurance and Application to DESE, emailed to ade.RfL@arkansas.gov on or before June 26, 2020.
- State Board of Education reviews all submitted applications for approval of waivers.
- On or before September 1, 2020, the District posts the District Support Plan to the district's website and notifies DESE by email at ade.RfL@arkansas.gov.
- DESE team reviews the District Support Plan for implementation of assurances.
- Districts not meeting requirements are referred to the State Board of Education for review.

Opting in with District Assurance and Support Plan

- Districts will:
 - Ensure the continuity of teaching and learning by providing a **guaranteed and viable curriculum** that includes blended learning (K-12) and diagnostic assessments (K-8);
 - Identify how to address unfinished learning from the prior year by using the Arkansas Playbook: Addressing Unfinished Learning or district developed resources;
 - Utilize a Learning Management System;
 - Schedule teacher training for how to use the LMS;
 - Schedule teacher training for blended learning (delivery of instruction);
 - Provide support for parents and students; and
 - Provide communication plan for interacting with parents, students, and the community **10**

District Support Plan

Ready for Learning

- *blended learning (K-12) and diagnostic assessments (K-8);*
- *address unfinished learning;*
- *Learning Management System;*
- *teacher training for how to use the LMS;*
- *teacher training for blended learning (delivery of instruction);*
- *support for parents and students; and*
- *communication plan*

A.C.A 6-15-2914 Literacy Plan

- *literacy curriculum*
- *literacy professional development*
- *goals for improving reading achievement*
- *prioritization of funds*
- *support to identified schools and subgroups*

Receiving 1003 funds

- *explain how 1003 funds will be utilized to support all students and/or subgroups of students*

District Support Plan

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- *posted on District website, State Required Information*
- *notify DESE at ade.RfL@arkansas.gov*

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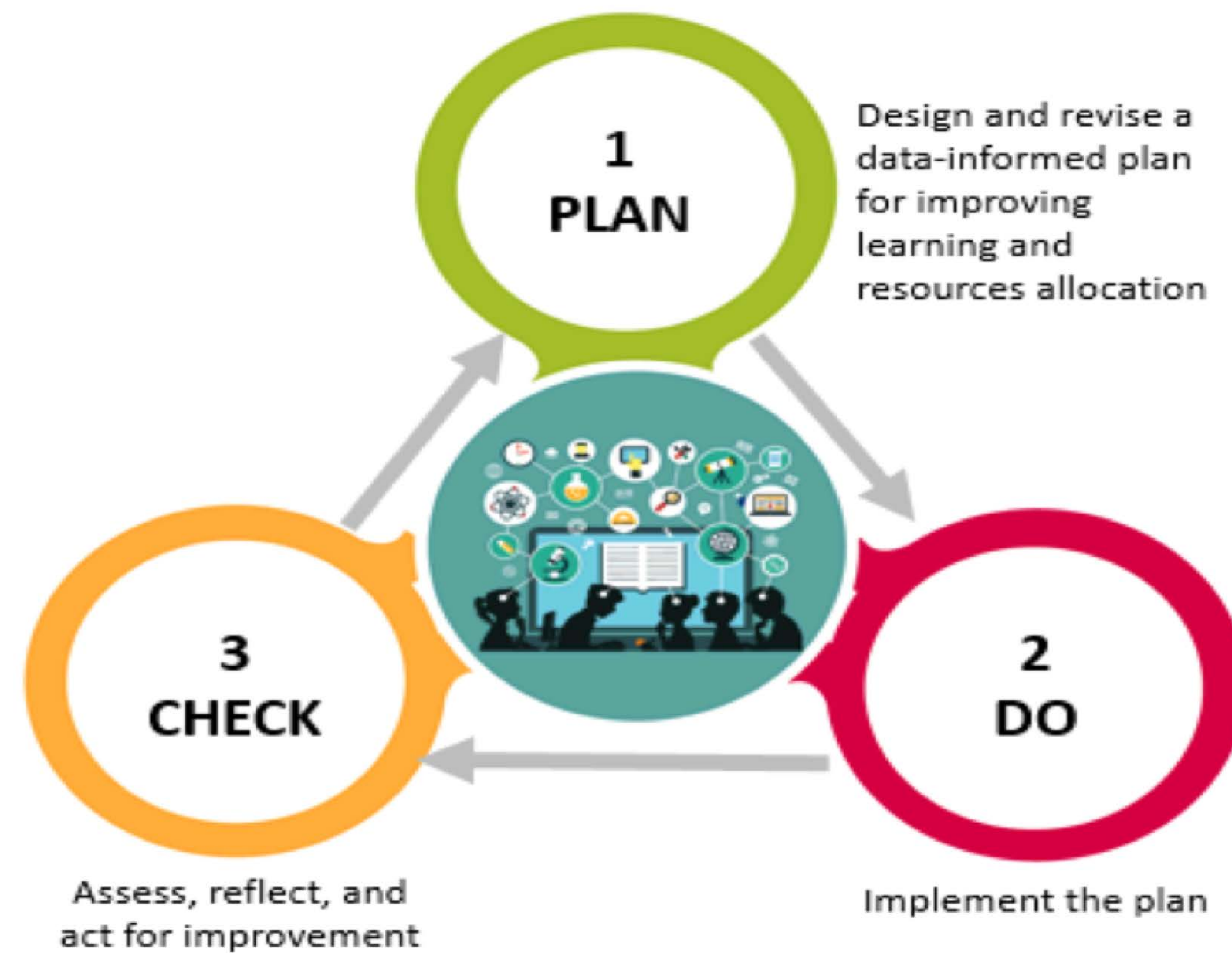
- *District Support Plan, Template 2 in Indistar*

Receiving 1003 funds

- *Application for 1003 funds in Indistar*

One District Support Plan

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What does it mean to opt in to Ready for Learning?

District commits to Ready for Learning Model and requests waivers for flexibility	Submit Assurance and Application to ade.RfL@arkansas.gov
District plans for Ready for Learning Model for 2020-2021	District Support Plan is posted on the district website and contains the components of Ready for Learning.

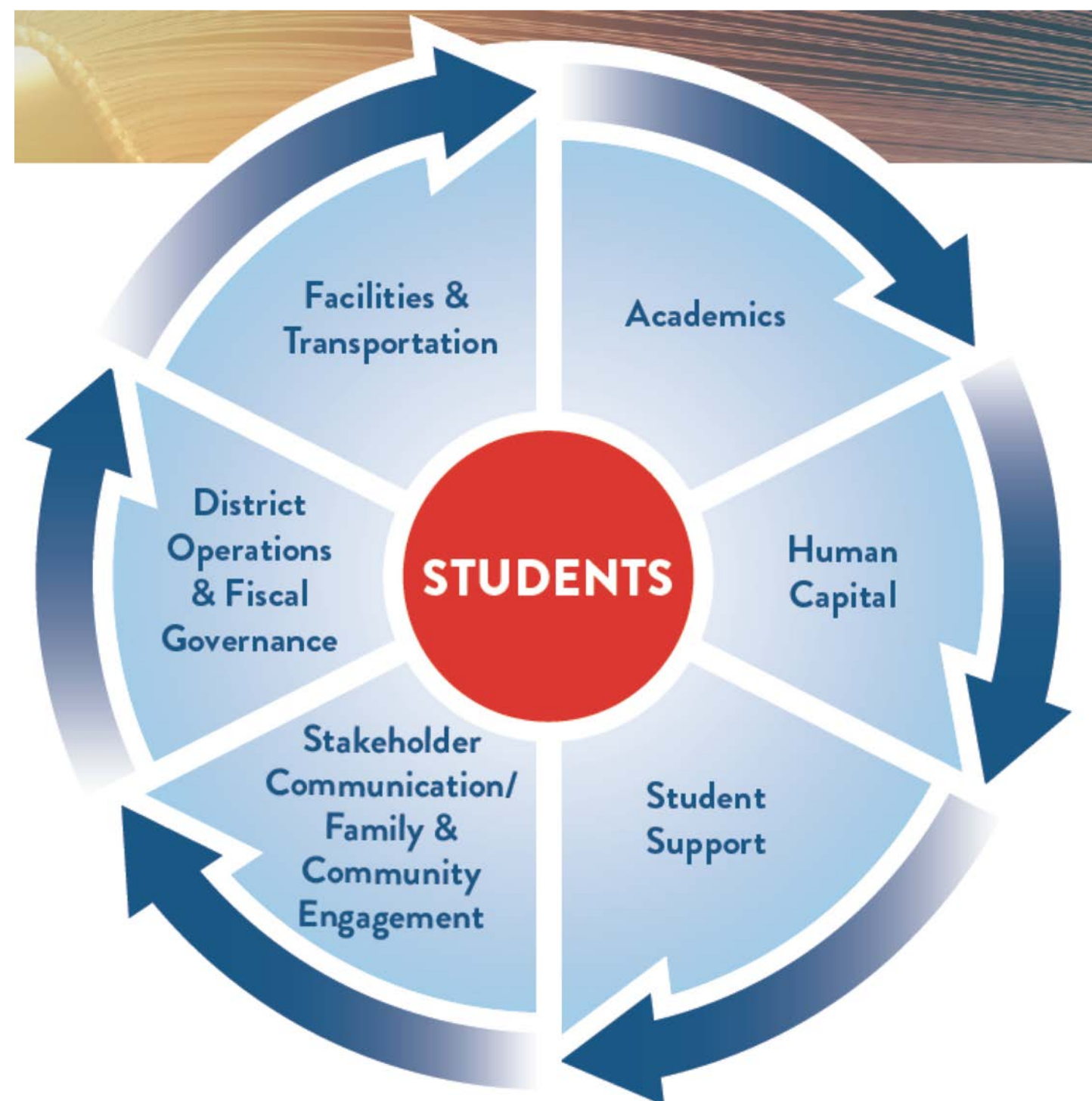
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Why Arkansas Ready for Learning?

Because we believe that all students can learn anytime, anywhere, if given the right supports.

Questions?



Please send your questions to

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